

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for use in ~~the delivery of~~ delivering articles, comprising:

a passive electromagnetic transponder formed on a flexible substrate and configured to store and reflect information regarding at least delivery cost and routing information in response to electromagnetic signals from a plurality of transceivers along a delivery route, the transceivers configured to process the information stored in the transponder to sort, route, or both sort and route the articles during delivery.

2. (Currently Amended) A device for use in ~~the delivery of~~ delivering articles, comprising a passive electromagnetic transponder integrally formed with a flexible label and configured to store information regarding routing of the ~~label~~ articles to a desired delivery point and to reflect control signals in response to a received signal from at least one transceiver along a delivery route, the transceiver configured to process the information stored in the transponder to sort, route, or both sort and route the articles.

3. (Currently Amended) A system for use in routing a deliverable, the system comprising a radio-frequency label adapted to be attached to the deliverable and configured to respond to electromagnetic signals from a plurality of transceivers along a delivery route to reflect control signals regarding the location of the ~~object and control signals~~ deliverable for controlling routing of the deliverable, the plurality of transceivers configured to process the control signals.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A system for routing a deliverable, the system comprising:

a plurality of routing devices, at least one passive, flexible transponder label configured for attachment to ~~a~~the deliverable and configured to store routing information of the deliverable, and a plurality of transceivers along a delivery route associated with the routing devices for controlling the sorting and routing of the deliverable during delivery in response to electromagnetic signals reflected from the label, the signals representing the stored information.

6. (Original) The system of claim 5, wherein each of the plurality of transceivers is associated with a predetermined routing device.

7. (Original) The system of claim 5, further comprising at least one encoding device configured to code the at least one label with information regarding at least one from among a delivery destination, a delivery date, a delivery route, information regarding a sender, information regarding a receiver, information regarding the deliverable, and information regarding delivery cost.

8. (Currently Amended) A system for routing and tracking ~~of~~ remote assets, comprising: a plurality of transponders, each transponder associated with a respective asset; ~~at least one transceiver~~ a plurality of transceivers along a delivery route configured to send signals to the transponder and to receive control signals therefrom regarding delivery information of the associated assets; a routing device ~~to a respective~~ associated with the at least one transceiver to receive control and command signals via the transceiver and to sort and route the ~~deliverable assets during delivery~~; and an encoder configured to transmit programming signals to the ~~at least one~~ transponder.

9. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein each at least one transceiver is integrally formed with the respective routing device.

10. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 8, wherein each transceiver is configured to communicate with a predetermined group of transponders such that ~~deliverables~~ remote assets associated with the predetermined group of transponders are sorted and routed to a predetermined delivery path and all other ~~deliverables~~ remote assets are routed to a default path.

11. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 8, further comprising a tracking device for communicating with the transceivers to track the associated ~~deliverable~~ remote asset.

12. (Currently Amended) A method of routing and tracking deliverables, comprising: providing a plurality of flexible, passive, programmable electromagnetic transponders, each transponder associated with a respective deliverable and configured to store routing information; issuing signals from a transceiver coupled to a routing device along a delivery path; receiving at the transceiver a control signal from ~~a~~ the transponder in response to the signals; and controlling the routing device to route the deliverable ~~to a~~ along the delivery path.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising an initial step of encoding the transponder with information for use in generating control signals.

14. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising purchasing at least one transponder and encoding the transponder with a purchase price.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, further comprising communicating via a device for tracking the location of deliverables with each transceiver to track ~~the~~ a location of deliverables.